

MICOI General Meeting
June 27, 2018

Location: Fat Jack's - Foxes Pizza

Meeting called to order by Pres. Stephen Deep at 7:05

Invocation and Pledge - Rosalie Copsey

Treasurer's Report and Minutes - copies having been set on tables, Naomie Hess, Sec./Treas. asked everyone to look over both reports. She waited a while and then asked if anyone had any questions or comments on either report. Hearing no objections and/or questions, she then asked for a motion to accept these reports. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by John Cervini, second by Mr Labordette - motion carried. Motion to accept minutes by Robert Creel second by Carol Varnado - motion carried.

Stephen Deep then commented on recycling in our neighborhood. He then reported on a meeting held between EIHOA and MICOI boards. This meeting went very well and we look forward to a working arrangement in the future. He thanked Mary Dubisson for arranging the meeting.

Monica Tylor then reported on Membership. We have 136 members paid as of June 24 with 136 residents not paid. She noted the many potholes in the street as that is what members are most concerned about. Bonnie told everyone to report these holes to Joey Lobranno and he would see that they were filled. We are not scheduled to have our street repaired for some time.

Bonnie reported on the situation of Flood Protection and was happy to report that the contracts with Neel-Shaffer Engineering firm have been signed. She was even happier to report that our end of the Parish will be the first area to be studied and protected. She thanked everyone who worked to get the Levee Board's meeting well attended. It was the first time that the meeting was filled to capacity. Several members of Clipper Estates and Moonraker Island worked together to get the word out.

Bonnie then gave the much awaited update on the new bridge construction. The company doing the repair, Baker, met with some type of immovable object below the water that made it impossible to continue

driving pilings. This necessitated their having to go back to the Parish and the Corps of Engineers to okay a new plan to remove the obstruction and continue the work. The height of the new bridge will be the same height as the current bridge. She also warned our members to be very careful when crossing the bridge. This is a construction site and any damages done to your car because you hit a hole or scrape the bottom of your is on you as the company is not legally responsible. Recommendation is to lower your speed to 10 MPH and use caution. The bridge will be finished with blacktop. Any damages done to the triangle median will be repaired when work is completed.

Mike Koziara of the National Weather Bureau then gave a power point presentation on storms and hurricanes. this was very timely as we are now in hurricane season.

Master Chief Sawyer of the U.S. Coastguard then spoke to us about securing our boats prior to a storm. His suggestion was to leave early and to have arrangement to dry dock your boat at an inland facility. Barring this the next best plan is to take your boat with you if possible. Also, secure anything that might be able to be lifted by winds and thrown into some other object or house. Advised us to make a check list NOW and use it in the event we should have to evacuate. The order of importance to the Coastguard in case of a hurricane is: People, Ecology, Commerce and Clearing. A member asked what to do about kids on sea-does who were running over alligators in the lake. His advice was to call Wildlife and Fisheries.

Clarence Powe of Homeland Security then talked to us about Hurricane Preparedness in our Parish. He explained the importance of listening for warnings - especially warnings to evacuate. St. Tammany Parish does not leave the elderly or nursing home individuals on their own. There is a help line for their care. **HOWEVER, ONE MUST REGISTER BEFORE A STORM IS EMINENT.** There is limited room for these people.

When Mr. Powe finished his speech, Stephen Deep adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

50/50 of \$41.00 was won by Karen Mathews